



PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT
District Recreation Program
Manager
South Zone Position
Gila National Forest

Title: District Recreation Program Manager

Pay Plan, Series, and Grade:

GS-0101/0401/0807-11

Work Schedule: Full-time

Duty Station: Mimbres, New Mexico



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Pre-Announcement Outreach -- The Gila National Forest is looking to fill a District (South Zone) Recreation Program Manager position. To express interest in the position please complete and submit the attached Outreach Response Form by Feb 27, 2015 to District Ranger Ray Torres at the email address shown above. If you have any questions concerning this position, contact Ray Torres by phone or email. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov.

Anyone who expresses interest in the position will be notified when the announcement opens.

Duties -- This position serves as the primary staff to the District Ranger, with responsibility for managing, planning, scheduling, coordinating, reviewing, and reporting on the recreation program on the District as well as providing program guidance to the Black Range and Silver City Ranger Districts. Supervisory duties include GS-9 through GS-5 recreation positions along with several temporary employees. This staff position manages a busy recreation program across three districts including developed recreation, dispersed recreation, outfitter and guides, recreation events and an extensive trails and wilderness program. Developed recreation includes 16 campgrounds, numerous trailheads and day use areas, the Lake Roberts recreation area. Dispersed recreation

includes camping outside of developed campgrounds and travel management of roads and trails. Special uses include Outfitter and Guide permits. This position works with numerous partners and volunteer groups to effectively implement the recreation program over a broad area that includes front country/urban interface, extensive backcountry and trails program in the Aldo Leopold and Gila Wilderness areas, the Continental Divide trail program as well as a large dispersed recreation program covering three ranger districts. In addition, the position will work cooperatively with the National Park Service, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in the management of facilities and programs affecting both organizations.

ABOUT THE FOREST

Every National Forest offers its own unique beauty. The Gila's beauty is in its diversity of rugged mountains, deep canyons, meadows, and semi-desert country. It is one of the more remote and least developed National Forests in the southwest. Covering 3.3 million acres of publicly owned forest and range land, the Forest is the sixth largest National Forest in the continental United States. Elevations range from 4,200 to 10,900 feet and cover four of the six life zones. Flora and fauna are diverse. Ocotillo and cactus are found in the lower elevations, and juniper, pine, aspen, and spruce-fir forests are plentiful in the high mountains.

The diverse topography, elevations, and climatic conditions on the Gila National Forest create a diversity of landforms and plant and animal habitats. Several federally listed threatened and endangered species occur on the forest. Federally listed species include the Mexican Spotted Owl, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Chiricahua leopard frog, Mexican gray wolf, Gila trout, loach minnow, spikedace, Gila chub, and Chihuahua chub.

The Gila National Forest supports a diverse mammalian, bird, amphibian, reptile, and fish fauna. Important game species include mule deer, Coues whitetail deer, elk, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, pronghorn, mountain lions, and black bears. Over 330 species of resident and breeding birds have been documented on the Forest. Historically, seventeen species of fish occurred in the three major basins on the Forest. Fourteen of these species are currently extant and three species have been extirpated. Fifteen of the seventeen species that historically occurred on the Forest are either federally listed as threatened or endangered or are considered regionally sensitive.

The Forest boasts a rich history of the Mogollon and Apache Indians, Spaniards, Mexicans, ranchers, prospectors and miners. Apache Chiefs Mangas Coloradas, Geronimo, and Victorio; conservationist, ecologist and author of the Sand County Almanac Aldo Leopold; and renowned lion hunter Ben Lilly are but a few of the personalities from the past that have left their mark in the Gila.

Another unique beauty of the Gila National Forest is its wilderness. The Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range Wildernesses offer unparalleled hiking and horseback riding. The 558,065-acre Gila Wilderness, created in June 1924 at the urging of the great conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold, was the world's first designated wilderness. The Wilderness areas on the Gila comprise a vast, roadless realm astride the Black, Mogollon, Diablo, and Blue mountain ranges, varying from grassland foothills upward through juniper woodland, ponderosa pine, and then spruce-fir forests on the high peaks. Mountain meadows, aspen glades, and spruce forests border on narrow, rock-walled canyons which in some places plunge to depths of more than a thousand feet.

WILDERNESS RANGER DISTRICT, GILA NATIONAL FOREST



The Wilderness Ranger District encompasses 700,000 acres of rugged mountains and steep canyons in the Gila National Forest. It gets its name from the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wildernesses that make up 85% of the District. The diverse landscape ranges from approximately 4500 feet to 11,000 feet and hosts a broad variety of ecosystems from grasslands to forests. We manage for multiple and sustained uses such as recreation (fishing, camping, hiking, hunting, photography, etc), grazing, protecting watersheds, and providing various forest products. We also manage many threatened and endangered species such as the Gila Trout and Mexican Wolf. With so many needs and such a varied landscape, we need a diverse group of employees to help manage this environmentally important area.

The Wilderness District office is located in Mimbres, NM, about 35 miles northeast of Silver City. Mimbres is a small ranching community with a few shops, restaurants, and churches. There is a local clinic and elementary school within the Mimbres Valley. The Mimbres Valley is renowned for the exquisitely painted pottery created by the Mimbreno Indians, part of the Mogollon Culture, between 1000 to 1250 AD.

Silver City is a full-service community and the cultural and recreational hub of Southwestern NM. At nearly 6000 feet, the area is a cool oasis from desert heat. The “four gentle seasons”, attract many tourists which help support an economy based on mining

and ranching. Tourists flock here to hike the Gila Wilderness – the first Wilderness ever designated. Silver City was recently selected one of the healthiest places to live and retire. Many artists find inspiration in the nearby hills, and their galleries join with many restaurants and shops to line the historic downtown streets. This area was once home to the likes of Geronimo and Billy the Kid. The town hosts several summer events such as the Tour of the Gila (bicycle race), a Blues festival, and a PRCA rodeo. The influence of Hispanic and native cultures is readily seen in the food, language, and customs of the area. One can enjoy authentic Mexican food and buy unique art and gifts. Major airports are a 3-4 hour trip to Albuquerque, El Paso, or Tucson. Silver City is served by a small airport, a regional hospital, and is host to Western New Mexico University.

To find more information about the Gila National Forest and the Glenwood Ranger District, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila>

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
District (Zone) Recreation Staff, GS-0101/0401/0807-11
Region 3, Gila National Forest
Wilderness Ranger District
Mimbres, NM

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER _____

TYPE OF CURRENT APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____
TERM _____ OTHER _____

CURRENT AGENCY/REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

Work experience applicable to this position: _____

If **not** a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
____ DISABLED VETERAN W/ 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
____ OTHER _____

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Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.
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